Assembly Bill No. 2264

CHAPTER 503

An act relating to public health, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2264, Cedillo. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon exposure: baseline health study.

Existing law makes various provisions for the prevention of disease and the promotion of health, and imposes various requirements on the State Department of Health Services in this regard.

This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2002, to conduct a baseline health study of the effects of the possible exposure to soil contamination from Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) on the residents of the William Mead Homes public housing project, located in Lincoln Heights in the County of Los Angeles, and would require the study to focus on the health conditions of the residents of the William Mead Homes public housing project.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) On or before January 1, 2002, the State Department of Health Services shall conduct a baseline health study of the effects of the possible exposure to soil contamination from Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) on the residents of the William Mead Homes public housing project, located in Lincoln Heights in the County of Los Angeles.

- (b) The study required by this section shall focus on the health conditions of the residents of the William Mead Homes public housing project.
- SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

Due to the potential health threats to the residents of the William Mead Homes public housing project from possible exposure to soil contamination from Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons and the health impact of current cleanup efforts upon residents of the

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William Mead Homes public housing project, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.